

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Withdrawn) A method for highlighting portions of information of an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:
 - displaying a portion of the electronic book on the viewer;
 - receiving a request from the subscriber to highlight selected information of the electronic book;
 - displaying a task bar for use in receiving the request; and
 - highlighting at least a portion of the electronic book based upon the subscriber's request.
2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further including displaying the highlighted portion of the electronic book.
3. (Withdrawn) A method for cutting information and pasting the information into an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:
 - receiving a first request from the subscriber to cut selected information from an information source;
 - removing and saving the selected information from the information source;
 - receiving a second request from the subscriber to paste the selected information into an electronic book; and inserting the selected information into the electronic book based upon the subscriber's second request.
4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, further including displaying a task bar for use in receiving the first and second requests.

5. (Withdrawn) A method for copying information and pasting the information into an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

receiving a first request from the subscriber to copy selected information from an information source;

copying and saving the selected information from the information source;

receiving a second request from the subscriber to paste the selected information into the electronic book; and

inserting the selected information into the electronic book based upon the subscriber's second request.

6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5, further including displaying a task bar for use in receiving the first and second requests.

7. (Withdrawn) A method for annotating text of an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

displaying a portion of the electronic book on a viewer;

receiving a request from the subscriber to annotate the displayed portion of the electronic book;

displaying a task bar for use in receiving the request;

receiving annotation information; and

associating the annotation information with the electronic book based upon the subscriber's request.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, further including displaying the annotation information along with the displayed portion of the electronic book.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 8, further including displaying the annotation information along with the displayed portion of the electronic book.

10. (Withdrawn) A method for annotating text of the electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

displaying a portion of the electronic book on the viewer;

receiving annotation information and a request from the subscriber to annotate the displayed portion of the electronic book;

associating the annotation information with the electronic book based upon the subscriber's request;

displaying the annotation information along with the displayed portion of the electronic book; and

permitting the subscriber to move a location of the annotation information within the electronic book.

11-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying at least one selected page of an electronic book displayed on a viewer having a plurality of hardware screens, each of the hardware screens capable of being physically and electrically attached attachable, detachable, and reattachable to each other in a plurality of geometric configurations ~~and separated from each other so as not to be in contact with each other~~, the method comprising:

receiving a request from a subscriber for displaying at least one page of the electronic book on the viewer;

determining the number of hardware screens currently attached in the viewer;

formatting the selected page for display on the screens of the viewer; and
providing the selected page for display across the screens of the viewer.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the formatting step includes formatting the page for display on three hardware screens.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, further including displaying a task bar for use in receiving the request.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the formatting step includes enlarging the page for proportional display across the hardware screens.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein:
the receiving step includes receiving a request for displaying a plurality of pages; and

the formatting step includes reducing the pages for proportional display across the hardware screens.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein:
the determining step includes determining a change in the number of hardware screens of the viewer; and

the formatting step includes reformatting the selected page for display based upon the determining.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from a plurality of separate information sources, comprising:

receiving a request from a subscriber for displaying at least a portion of the electronic book and, afterward, receiving requests for simultaneously displaying the content from the plurality of separate information sources,

wherein the plurality of separate information sources are different from each other and are selected from a group consisting of an additional electronic book, an electronic atlas, a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a website, a video, a recipe, a collection of measurement conversions, multimedia information, a live television broadcast, a video feed, text from an additional electronic source, and an image from an additional electronic source;

formatting the portion of the electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources for simultaneous display; and

simultaneously displaying the portion of the electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the content from at least one of the plurality of information sources as an inset image, fully inset within the displayed portion of the electronic book.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further including displaying a task bar for use in receiving the request.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further including permitting the subscriber to move a location of the displayed inset image.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from a plurality of separate information sources, comprising:

receiving a request from a subscriber for displaying at least a portion of the electronic book and, afterward, receiving requests for simultaneously displaying the content from the plurality of separate information sources;

formatting the portion of the electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources for simultaneous display; and

simultaneously displaying the portion of the electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the portion of the electronic book as wrapping around the displayed content from at least one of the plurality of information sources,

wherein the plurality of information sources are different from each other and are selected from a group consisting of an additional electronic book, an electronic atlas, a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a website, a video, a recipe, a collection of measurement conversions, multimedia information, a live television broadcast, a video feed, text from an additional electronic source, and an image from an additional electronic source.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the portion of the electronic book and the content from at least one of the plurality of information sources as side-by-side images.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further including reversing a position of the displayed portion of the electronic book and the content from at least one of the plurality of information sources.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the step includes receiving a video signal as the content from at least one of the plurality of information sources.

28. (Previously Presented) A method for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from a plurality of separate information sources, comprising:

receiving a request from a subscriber for displaying at least a page of an electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources,

wherein the plurality of separate information sources are different from each other and are selected from a group consisting of an additional electronic book, an electronic atlas, a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a website, a video, a recipe, a collection of measurement conversions, multimedia information, a live television broadcast, a video feed, text from an additional electronic source, and an image from an additional electronic source;

formatting the page of the electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources for simultaneous display including:

displaying the content from at least one of the plurality of information sources as an inset image, fully inset within the page of the electronic book;
and

formatting the page of the electronic book to display a portion of the page otherwise concealed by the inset image; and

simultaneously displaying the page of the electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further including:

permitting the subscriber to move the inset image to a new location within the page of the book; and

reformatting the page of the electronic book, upon detecting the new location of the inset image, to display the portion of the page otherwise concealed by the inset image.

30. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for highlighting portions of information of an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

a display module that displays a portion of an electronic book on a viewer;

a command module that receives a request from the subscriber to highlight selected information of the electronic book;

a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the request; and

a highlight module that highlights at least a portion of the electronic book based upon the subscriber's request.

31. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 30, further including a section module that displays the highlighted portion of the electronic book.

32. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for cutting information and pasting the information into an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

an image cut module that receives a first request from the subscriber to cut selected information from an information source;

an image paste module that receives a second request from the subscriber to paste the selected information into an electronic book; and

an image insert module that inserts the selected information into the electronic book based upon the subscriber's second request.

33. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 32, further including a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the first and second requests.

34. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for copying information and pasting the information into an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

an image copy module that receives a first request from the subscriber to copy selected information from an information source;

an image save module that copies and saves the selected information from the information source;

an image paste module that receives a second request from the subscriber to paste the selected information into an electronic book; and

an image insert module that inserts the selected information into the electronic book based upon the subscriber's second request.

35. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 34, further including a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the first and second requests.

36. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for annotating text of an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

a display module that displays a portion of an electronic book on a viewer;

an annotate module that receives a request from the subscriber to
annotate the displayed portion of the electronic book;
a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the request;
a save module that receives annotation information; and
an associate module that associates the annotation information with the
electronic book based upon the subscriber's request.

37. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 26, further including an annotation
display module that displays the annotation information along with the displayed portion
of the electronic book.

38. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 37, further including an annotation
move module that permits the subscriber to move a location of the annotation
information within the electronic book.

39. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for annotating text of an electronic book
displayed on a viewer, comprising:
a display module that displays a portion of an electronic book on a viewer;
an annotate module that receives annotation information and a request
from the subscriber to annotate the displayed portion of the electronic book;
an associate module that associates the annotation information with the
electronic book based upon the subscriber's request;
an annotation display module that displays the annotation information
along with the displayed portion of the electronic book; and
an annotation move module that permits the subscriber to move a location
of the annotation information within the electronic book.

40. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for simultaneously displaying selected pages of an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising a plurality of hardware screens, each of the hardware screens capable of being physically and electrically attached ~~attachable, detachable, and reattachable~~ to each other in a plurality of geometric configurations ~~and separated from each other so as not to be in contact with each other~~, the apparatus, comprising:

a command module that receives a request from a subscriber for simultaneously displaying at least a portion of any plurality of pages of the electronic book as selected by the subscriber;

a determining module that determines the number of hardware screens currently attached to the viewer;

a format module that formats the selected pages for simultaneous display based on the determined number of hardware screens attached to the viewer; and

a display module that simultaneously displays the portions of the selected pages on the plurality of hardware screens of the viewer.

41. (Original) The apparatus of claim 40, further including a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the request.

42. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for displaying at least one selected page of an electronic book displayed on a viewer having a plurality of hardware screens, each of the hardware screens capable of being physically and electrically attached ~~attachable, detachable, and reattachable~~ to each other in a plurality of different geometric configurations ~~and separated from each other so as not to be in contact with each other~~, comprising:

a command module that receives a request from a subscriber for displaying at least one page of an electronic book on the viewer;

a determining module that determines the number of hardware screens currently attached to the viewer;

a format module that formats the selected page for display on the screens of the viewer based on the determined number of hardware screens attached to the viewer; and

a display module that provides the selected page for display across the screens of the viewer.

43. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the format module includes a multiple page format module that formats the page for display on three hardware screens.

44. (Original) The apparatus of claim 42, further including a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the request.

45. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the format module enlarges the page for proportional display across the hardware screens.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein:

the command module receives a request for displaying a plurality of pages; and

the multiple page format module reduces the pages for proportional display across the hardware screens.

47. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 42, further including a screen detect module that detects a number of hardware screens within the viewer.

48. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein:

the screen detect module includes a screen change module that detects a change in the number of hardware screens of the viewer; and

the format module includes a reformat module that reformats the selected page for display based upon the detected change.

49. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from a plurality of separate information sources, comprising:

a command module that receives a request from a subscriber for displaying at least a portion of an electronic book and, afterward, receives a request for simultaneously displaying the content from the plurality of separate information sources,

wherein the plurality of separate information sources are different from each other and are selected from a group consisting of an additional electronic book, an electronic atlas, a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a website, a video, a recipe, a collection of measurement conversions, multimedia information, a live television broadcast, a video feed, text from an additional electronic source, and an image from an additional electronic source;

a format module that formats the portion of the electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources for simultaneous display; and

a display module that simultaneously displays a portion of the electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources, wherein the display module displays the content from at least one of the plurality of separate

information sources as an inset image within the displayed portion of the electronic book.

50. (Original) The apparatus of claim 49, further including a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the request.

51. (Canceled)

52. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, further including an image move module that permits the subscriber to move a location of the displayed inset image.

53. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from a plurality of separate information sources, comprising:

a command module that receives a request from a subscriber for displaying at least a portion of an electronic book and, afterward, receives a request for simultaneously displaying the content from the plurality of separate information sources,

wherein the plurality of separate information sources are different from each other and are selected from a group consisting of an additional electronic book, an electronic atlas, a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a website, a video, a recipe, a collection of measurement conversions, multimedia information, a live television broadcast, a video feed, text from an additional electronic source, and an image from an additional electronic source;

a format module that formats the portion of the electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources for simultaneous display; and

a display module that simultaneously displays the portion of the electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources, wherein the display module displays the portion of the electronic book as wrapping around the displayed content from at least one of the plurality of separate information sources.

54. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein the display module displays the portion of the electronic book and the content from at least one of the plurality of separate information sources as side-by-side images.

55. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, further including a reverse image module that reverses the position of the displayed portion of the electronic book and the content from at least one of the plurality of separate information sources.

56. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the command module includes a receiving module that receives a video signal as the content from at least one of the plurality of separate information sources.

57. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from a plurality of separate information sources, comprising:

a command module that receives a request from a subscriber for displaying at least a page of an electronic book and content from the plurality of separate information sources,

wherein the plurality of separate information sources are different from each other and are selected from a group consisting of an additional electronic book, an electronic atlas, a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a website, a video, a recipe, a collection

of measurement conversions, multimedia information, a live television broadcast, a video feed, text from an additional electronic source, and an image from an additional electronic source;

a format module that formats the page of the electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources for simultaneous display, including:

a first display module that displays the content from at least one of the separate information sources as an inset image, fully inset within a page of the electronic book;

a page format module that formats the page of the electronic book to display a portion of the page otherwise concealed by the inset image; and

a second display module that simultaneously displays the page of the electronic book and the content from the plurality of separate information sources.

58. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 57, further including:

an image move module that permits the subscriber to move the inset image to a new location within the page of the electronic book; and

a reformat module that reformats the page of the electronic book, upon detecting the new location of the inset image to display the portion of the page otherwise concealed by the inset image.

59. (Withdrawn) An apparatus that manipulates images in an electronic book viewer, comprising:

a display that displays a portion of an electronic book, wherein the portion of the electronic book is displayed as an image comprising one or more of text, graphics, data, information, still video and moving video;

a control that receives a command to manipulate the portion of the electronic book;

a processor that interprets the commands, the processor causing the display to alter the image provided by the portion of the electronic book; and

a memory that stores the altered image.

60. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 59, further comprising a task bar, the task bar including commands that can be used to manipulate the images.

61. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 59, wherein the commands include one or more of highlight, cut, paste, zoom, and rescale.

62. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 59, wherein the command includes a command to display a picture-in-picture image.

63. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein the picture-in-picture image is displayed in a window in the display.

64. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the window is scalable.

65. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the window is provided in a side-by-side format.

66. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein multiple windows are provided.

67. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the portion of the electronic book displays text, and wherein the text wraps around the window.

68. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the picture-in-picture image is one or more of a video feed, a television program, a data signal from a personal computer, voice-to-text translation from a telephone message, and an Internet web page.

69. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 68, wherein the television program is provided by one of a set top terminal, a video tape recorder tuner, a video connector, a personal computer, a telephone system, an Internet and a television broadcast.

70. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the picture-in-picture image is manipulated by selecting the window and by selecting all of or a portion of the picture-in-picture image for manipulation.

71. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 59, further comprising one or more additional displays, the one or more additional displays capable of connection to the electronic book viewer, wherein the processor manipulates the image to display separate sections of the image on each of the display and the one or more additional displays.

72. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 59, wherein the commands are entered using one or more of a wired keyboard, a wireless keyboard and a soft keyboard.

73. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 72, wherein the one or more additional displays comprise hinges, wherein the one or more additional displays fold in a same manner as pages in a book.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the number of hardware screens capable of being connected and disconnected is variable.

75. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, further comprising:
formatting the selected page for display on a variable number of screens
of the viewer.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising:
formatting the page of the electronic book to display a portion of the page
otherwise concealed by the simultaneously displayed inset image.

77. (Canceled)

78. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 77~~ claim 20, wherein the
content from at least one of the plurality of separate information sources relates to the
subject of the text of the electronic book.

79. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 78, wherein the content from
at least one of the plurality of separate information sources is linked to the text of the
electronic book.

80. (Canceled)

81. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 80~~ claim 28, wherein the
content from at least one of the plurality of separate information sources relates to the
subject of the text of the electronic book.

82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 81, wherein the content from
the at least one of the plurality of separate information sources is linked to the text of the
electronic book.